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SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, Mr. President, if I may, and members. LB 1089 has generated two questions mostly this session, or since it's been introduced as my priority bill. Number one, what is a brewpub; and, number two, why is it my priority bill? I'll answer the second question first and despite what people might have said, most of my priorities relate to either gambling, booze or cabooses, that isn't the reason why I chose this particular bill. The reason why I chose this bill as my priority bill is it's the only bill I have, and it's the only bill I introduced this session that was going to be talked about on the floor during the legislative session. I realize that LB 1089 and the idea of what a brewpub...

PRESIDENT: Call is raised.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...is, is not a high priority, it's not a high priority for me, and it's not an earth-shaking issue, as a matter of fact it's quite a noncontroversial issue and I hope that we can get through this quite quickly and I hope that you will concur. What is a brewpub? Brewpub, simply stated, is a relatively new phenomenon that has been going on mostly on the coast and working its way inland from both sides that is the manufacturer of beer in a facility in full view of the patrons, so that you can watch the manufacturing process of beer. It's generally done with very ornate types of equipment, not unlike what you may have seen in the form of a cappuccino making machine where you watch it being brewed, espresso, not unlike taffy that is being made or a candy that is being made in front of you or the cinnamon roll shops now where they actually make the product in view of the patrons and then they sell that product. A brewpub is the same kind of thing, they manufacture the beer through ornate types of equipment that is quite attractive and they sell that beer right on the premises, right on the manufacturing premises. Now, why do we need 1089? We have laws that provide for manufacturing of beer and all those laws are not going to change with 1089. We have laws that talk about retail selling of beer on the premise, off-sale, on-sale, we have all those laws, those laws are not being changed. What we do have to change, if we want to allow this to happen, is to allow you to be two things at once. We have a three-tiered system in this state, which I'm sure you're all aware that you can be a manufacturer, you can be a distributor, or you can be a retailer, and you have to qualify for all kinds of